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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas P. Hager and Richard N. Lehman  
Serial No.: 10/003,529  
Filing Date: October 31, 2001  
For: COMPACT HYBRID FIBER REINFORCED RODS FOR  
OPTICAL CABLE REINFORCEMENTS AND  
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

Examiner: Jill M. Gray  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- ☒ Reply and Amendment to Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2003;
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$385.00 (small entity fee pursuant to § 1.17(e));
- ☒ Petition for One Month Extension of Time;
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$55.00 (small entity fee) to cover the requisite fee to file one-month extension of time; and
- ☒ Return Post Card.

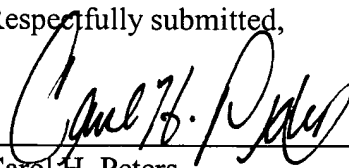
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the Applicants herein request continued examination of Serial No. 10/003,529 as identified above. Included with this request are the required elements of (1) a Request (this document); (2) a Submission (Reply and Amendment to Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2003); and (3) a RCE Filing Fee. The Submission provided herein is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. With such a timely filed Request, Submission, and Fee, the Applicants believe that the Reply and Amendment should be entered into the record.

The Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 on May 5, 2004 and, as such, the Applicants' Appeal Brief was due on July 5, 2004. As July 5, 2004 was a federal holiday, the date on which the Appeal Brief is due is July 6, 2004. Thus, the Applicants' Request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for continued examination submitted herewith on July 6, 2004 is timely filed.

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**The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due for this submission, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 27585-022. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.**

Respectfully submitted,



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